

Please add the following new claims:

43. An isolated nucleic acid encoding or complementary to a sequence encoding a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence having at least about 90% similarity to SEQ ID NO:2.

44. An isolated nucleic acid encoding or complementary to a sequence encoding a polypeptide comprising SEQ ID NO:4.

45. An isolated nucleic acid encoding or complementary to a sequence encoding a polypeptide comprising SEQ ID NO:8.

46. An isolated nucleic acid encoding or complementary to a sequence encoding a polypeptide comprising SEQ ID NO:10.

47. An isolated nucleic acid comprising SEQ ID NO:3 or having at least about 70% similarity to SEQ ID NO:3 and which hybridizes under low stringency conditions to a reverse complement of SEQ ID NO:3.

48. A process for the production of a biologically active VEGF-like protein comprising expressing a nucleic acid molecule encoding a polypeptide having at least about 90% similarity to SEQ ID NO:2 in a host and isolating said VEGF-like protein.

49. The method according to Claim 48 wherein said nucleic acid comprises SEQ ID NO:3 or has at least about 70%